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Proposal for electives denied

By Bill Conlon
STAFF WRITER

A recent proposal to change the way senior electives are chosen, was turned down by the Academic Advising Committee.

Sue Graveline, secretary of academics, said the proposal would have changed the order classes are chosen at registration. The proposal would have given seniors a better chance at getting all of their electives.

Currently all students get their required courses first. Next all students are placed in core courses. Electives are assigned to seniors. The rest of the classes then receive their electives from juniors to freshmen.

The change would have allowed seniors to get their core and elective course immediately after all the required courses were chosen.

The proposal was originally brought up in open forum at a recent Student Association (SA) meeting. It was then directed to the Academic Advising Committee, which met last week.

Maureen MacNamara, registrar, said the committee considered the proposal and felt the procedure should remain the same. "If there is a change freshmen and sophomores' core courses would be shut out," MacNamara said.

Associate Registrar John Sheehey said the committee kept an open mind on the subject, but said he felt it would be better this way. "You want to be fair, everybody was looking for the fairest way," Sheehey said.

A main concern of the committee was that the change would allow seniors easier access to 100 level courses. "There might be an overload in 100 level courses," said Graveline. "This might throw the school out of whack."

Sheehey said the requirements of the courses are different. "The expectations are greater for seniors than most 100 level courses," Sheehey said.

The committee was concerned graduate schools and potential employers would look at transcripts and see a light load in the senior year. The committee feared this would have a negative impact on a student's transcript.

The possibility of having introductory courses for seniors was one alternative discussed. "If enough seniors wanted an entry level course, perhaps an intro course in that subject geared for seniors could be offered," Graveline said.

This type of a course would allow an introduction to a subject with stricter requirements than a 100 level course.

Graveline asked the registrar to keep a record of the number of seniors trying to get into 100 level courses. This study will be used to gauge the need for senior-oriented introductory courses.

Sheehey said the possibility of a senior introductory course would be looked into. "We'll see how many seniors take 100 level courses," Sheehey said. "We are looking for the extent of need."

Graveline said the actual proposal was considered and said she was happy the committee took it seriously.

Sheehey said the idea was taken into consideration, but was not practical. "It came down to what's the greater need, seniors' electives or underclassmen's cores," he said.

Sheehey said the registrar's office and the committee would keep looking at the possibilities. "It may be brought up again," Sheehey said.

Other topics discussed in the meeting were, the possibility of having pre-registration all in one day, rather than two like it is now and the schedule for academic advising for the upcoming pre-registration.

EDITED BY MIKE MACMULLIN

Photo by Sean Donnelly
Senior Herb Kopf ties the game at two against New Hampshire College as junior Brian Skinner looks on. The Ice Knights finished the regular season with a ten-game unbeaten streak. Related stories on p. 10.

Society brings cultural awareness

By Jim Cronin
STAFF WRITER

A new society promoting black awareness at St. Michael's was approved by the Student Association (SA) Feb. 7. The Martin Luther King Society is an effort to further integrate the college with its minority students. The strength of the society is expected to be felt on campus and in admission numbers.

The society is named after civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jerry Flanagan, dean of admissions, said, "I like the name of the society. On many campuses, students form as black student unions or minority organizations. Dr. King symbolizes ideals for both black and white students; it doesn't just limit to black students."

Mike Samara, dean of students, said "Last year, the students were thinking about the possibility of forming an organization. We came to selecting the name Martin Luther King out of about 9, largely so it can be more inclusive."

Samara said there are 17 undergraduate black students at St. Michael's. He said there is a need for multi-cultural awareness.

Samara has met weekly with black students to discuss different issues. Samara said last year's members of the Admissions Staff, Student Life, Campus Ministry, and Linda Hollingdale of the Student Resource Center got together with black students to discuss their experiences and needs.

Senior Brian Young said, "I've been involved since sophomore year. I began meeting with Mr. Flanagan to get more black students to St. Michael's. The idea for the society came up last semester."

Samara said, "Brian Young was instrumental in pulling together a constitution to go before the SA to promote black awareness."

Young said, "The society is to bring social, environmental, and political awareness to the members of the St. Michael's community. All students are invited to join. We are hoping that a lot of students participate."

Young said, "We hope next year to have speakers come to St. Michael's. We also hope to do events for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month as well as throughout the year."

Samara said, "I know that the black students had hoped for more to be done on Dr. King's birthday."

"University of Vermont has been wonderful. Richard Johnson, assistant director of multi-cultural affairs, has bent over backwards inviting us to their resources. It's been a great relationship," Samara said.

Flanagan said, "I was pretty excited to learn that students were going to form a group. It's sort of a community in a community. It's a very positive step."

Please see p. 5.

Editors' Note:
Just a brief explanation

It is not *The Defender's* policy to respond to letters to the editors, however, the situation is getting out of hand, resulting in an overabundance of letters.

The headlines written by the editors regarding the English Department's criticisms were sarcastic, but did not state anything that was not implied in the letters.

We put in at least 40 hours of work a week into the paper alone. We are more than aware of our mistakes, and dislike seeing them in print as much as the readers' do. However, believe it or not, we are trying our best, and we are still learning. The English Department has every right to criticize us constructively, in order that we may learn from those mistakes. Yet, it is the manner in which they went about it that was uncalled for. If they want to teach us, they should approach us personally, and do what they are paid to do- teach. There was no reason for them to publicly remark on various mistakes we have made over the year. Students don't learn from being embarrassed, they only lose self-confidence.

In regards to Peter Booth's letter in this issue, his reference to our Executive Editor's remarks during the Publication Board meeting were taken out of context, and as every journalist knows, that is irresponsible. We hope his new publication succeeds, in fact we have spent a lot of time in meetings trying to work some process out, so it may be published. However, we hope he doesn't quote people out of context, because a quote out of context portrays the wrong meaning.

We hope that like our headlines, no one takes this offensively. We are only trying to get our feelings across, and end these misunderstandings. Also, please realize that if there is anyone who wishes to respond, always feel free to do so.

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON

"It's no use. I drink and I drink ... and I still can't forget."

Letters to the Editors
The Defender, Box 275, St. Michael's College

Booth patiently awaits headline

To the Editors:

For the past three weeks I have been involved in attempting to start a journal, or "alternate publication" as *The Defender* has referred to it. During this time, I have had extensive contact with the St. Michael's College Publication Association, a board on campus that oversees publications that come out of St. Michael's. This board consists of Cassy Phares, Prof. Jack Hillwig, Andrew Pelosi, Jennie Cernosia, and Jonathan Isaksen. Jennifer Klauber and I have spent much time meeting with this board in order to work out some of the problems that they see arising from our "alternate publication." One such issue that was brought up during these discussions was the issue of slander, libel and what Phares termed "irresponsible, unprofessional journalism." There seemed to be some concern among the board members that since neither Jennifer nor I have any background in journalism, we would not be able to make competent judgments of what was or was not libel and/or slander.

I find this concern interesting in light of last week's *Defender* . In the letters to the editor, there were three letters from the English Department. The titles given to these articles are best described by Phares' term- "irresponsible, unprofessional journalism." The text of these three letters was not offensive or mean-spirited as the titles suggested.

I only hope that the students who pick up *The Defender* go on to read the letters and realize that the titles given by the staff of *The Defender* do not reflect the attitude or content of the letters themselves. I now await patiently to see what sort of title this letter will receive. Perhaps, "Booth clarifies what really sucks in *The Defender* : illiterate and uncaring writing which appears regularly."

Peter Booth
Student

Certain people allowed to break parking rules

To the Editors:

Not knowing who to turn to, I am writing to you in hopes that my concern will be met with either positive action (preferably), or at least a letter of response in setting my mind straight on certain policies regarding parking on campus.

Security, I think for the main part, does an excellent job of enforcing the rules that have been set by campus administrators. Nobody likes getting a parking ticket (a few of which I have had) and nobody wants to get towed (a convenience which I have been spared). However parking regulations, like all other regulations, are necessary evils in upholding a controllable and livable community.

As an off-campus student, I deal with the parking ordeal daily and sometimes hike a measurable and inconvenient distance in order to get to classes and other functions. This inconvenience is bearable and understandable (even though it often makes me late for class).

My problem is that it seems that certain people seem to be allowed to blatantly and continually break parking regulations, which the rest of the student body and faculty must concur with (or be appropriately punished).

I am referring in particular to the parking situation at the rotunda between Alliot and Joyce Hall. It seems to me that certain cars are parked in "NO PARKING" and "10 MINUTE PARKING" areas for extended periods without the owner being punished (ticketed or towed). I constantly see the same cars parked in this essentially non-parking area, while other cars are ticketed and/or towed.

I can not place the blame for this injustice on security or administrators because I do not know who is pulling the proper strings.

I feel the administrative body of St. Michael's College owes its students the responsibility of expressing a role model of equality and fairness for all students- and this need is not seen in giving certain students special rights.

My personal observations may be inaccurate and misinformed and they may also be correct. If they are correct, I would like to be informed how I can join this exclusive group of privileged individuals (do I have to belong to the right sporting team, government group, or know the right people)? Also, if I my observations are valid, then perhaps this unwritten code will be dropped and everyone will be punished appropriately.

If no one acknowledges this, and I am indeed wrong, maybe other students and faculty members will notice this phenomena that I have noticed for the entire year so far.

Eric Shannon
Student

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More Letters to the Editors...

Freshmen overprotected

To the Editors:

Some comments, or if you will, criticism, on the evolution of student life at St. Michael's over my three years here as a student.

Of course the St. Michael's administration has had to change its policies on the "traditional" way of spending the weekends— that's a given— and is not the direct target of this piece. The main point is the administration's policy of overstepping their formally undeclared line of creating an adequate academic and social atmosphere to the point where they are establishing a climate of— especially for the freshmen— hand-holding and overprotectiveness.

We do not learn to grow and experience the joys and ills of life under tight scrutiny. The idea of coed dorms is great, but the freshmen are segregated from the upperclassmen. For instance, where do freshmen go "to meet people" outside their classes (who are for the most part, more freshmen)? What, actually, can freshmen do? (Because we already know what they cannot.) Living with upperclassmen around is an excellent way to learn and meet new people. Too bad it's a way of the past.

"The Campaign for Excellence" is the best thing that ever happened to this school, but in the process the administration has underemphasized the vital social aspects of college life and decided once equal freshmen must now be cuddled and pampered. It's great for some people (and more power to them!), but, as I see it, the majority of students are out to experience a new found freedom to live their new independence— independently. This, as we all know, means alcohol and drinking, but that is a part of the world they won't be protected from when they leave here.

I firmly believe this policy I call "hand-holding" has been implemented, for the most part, out of genuine concern and love. But they, we, are old enough to vote for our country's leaders and follow those leaders into a war if they so choose. Therefore, we should be treated with more respect for our intellects and values and not be babysat in a time where freedom and discovery are essential to growth and maturity.

Mark Clement
Student

Defender's headlines inappropriate

To the Editors:

The headlines that have been written in *The Defender* in response to Professor John Engels' letters of criticism have been entirely inappropriate. Whoever wrote them showed immaturity, irresponsibility, and unprofessionalism . That type of response in the journalism profession would result in dismissal from their job. Learn to live with criticism without anger. It's how we all grow and improve the quality of our work.

Chris McClure
Journalism Dept.

Letters need to be shorter

To the Editors:

One more piece of constructive criticism can be added to Professor Engel's list. The letters to the editors should be shortened. Isn't editing a fundamental technique in journalism? It seems absurd to have eight letters to the editors that are either close to or surpass the length of any of the stories written by *The Defender* staff. Good Luck.

Robert Teas
Student

Our Policy:

The editors of The Defender reserve the right to edit letters to the editors for space.

The Defender is a learning situation

To the Editors:

As adviser to *The Defender* I feel somewhat obligated to comment on the recent series of letters and headlines concerning the writing, editing and overall content of *The Defender*. It is not my desire to inflame opinion any further on either side, but rather to add one or two additional perspectives to the debate.

First, the facts. *The Defender* is produced weekly by a small group of editors. These editors receive stories from freelance correspondents and from the Journalism Department reporting class. The editors themselves also write some articles. In many instances those who write for the publication are beginning, inexperienced journalists. Some of the stories must be heavily edited and sometimes rewritten. Many are filled with grammar, spelling and usage errors. The editors themselves are students still involved in the learning processes of editing and style.

It should also be pointed out that the students who produce *The Defender* are still students carrying a full class load. They are students first and editors, rewrite people, headline writers and designers second. And the product these students produce is one that, unlike most student work, is distributed to the campus and opened to public scrutiny. The errors they sometimes make are there for everyone to see. When Terrence Tilley's name is misspelled on Page 1, he is disappointed, the editors are embarrassed. . .and everyone can see it.

The editors know these errors are in the newspaper. They aren't there intentionally and the editors wish they weren't there. In last week's *Defender* there were 26 editor-controlled items (stories, editorials, calendars). Almost all of them had no direct errors in spelling, style, fact or grammar. There may have been some dubious usages grammatically, some misspellings and a couple of errors but overall the issue was pretty clean. Having worked with this student newspaper for two years and with other student newspapers for at least the last 12 years, I think the number of errors was acceptable, the magnitude of those errors reasonable and the overall quality of the publication was very good. This takes into account the quality of the stories coming in to the editors, the experience of the editors and the available time those editors have to devote to working on and producing the publication.

No matter what anyone may want *The Defender* to be, it is a learning situation. Sometimes the fact that this learning situation occurs in full view of the rest of the campus is uncomfortable, both for these reporters and editors and for the rest of the campus.

To say that the number of errors and inaccuracies is unacceptable is a fact all the editors would agree with. I wish they didn't happen. They wish they didn't happen. But they do happen. And, unfortunately, they will continue to happen, because of inexperience, because of weaknesses in the original writing of the stories, because of time, and, yes, because of carelessness. This is a fact of any newspaper's life. All make errors. Who of us does not feel just a little anxious when we know something about us is going to appear in a newspaper—whether it be *The Defender* or *The Boston Globe*. We hope they "get it right." And most newspapers, *The Defender* and *The Globe* included, "get it right" most of the time.

English Department faculty, at every college and university I have taught at or attended, are always adept at spotting and pointing out the good and the bad points about a college newspaper. English faculty do often comment orally and in writing that they wish the newspaper used better grammar, made fewer errors and was generally of higher quality.

The student editors at most colleges are usually upset at outsiders' criticism — whether it comes from the English Department, the college President or the maintenance workers who clean up the offices. They dig in. They mutter. They respond through sarcastic headlines and other editorial judgments. Sometimes they yell and scream. Often those who criticize get madder. Tempers can flare. Conflicts of words, letters and headlines can escalate. Publications have been censored and even canceled because of debates like this that get out of control.

I think debate is good. I think constructive criticism is good. I think newspapers are positive instruments. But when anger seeps into it all, it gets dangerous, ugly and, frankly, it gets irresponsible. Editors get mad. Letter writers get mad. And readers get to see battles fought in print. I don't have any magical solutions. Certainly the present controversy in *The Defender* has gone further than it needed to go. I haven't agreed with the headlines written on some letters in recent issues. *The Defender* editors know that. I do respect a free and independent press and would not censor anything that was not libelous. I also respect a responsible press. These headlines, to me, have bordered on the irresponsible. They serve no purpose other than to make people angry and, perhaps, to demonstrate the power the press has over its readers. They were the result of anger and hurt.

Perhaps the writers of the letters could have been a bit more solution-oriented in their writing. Personally, I don't feel there are too many solutions to errors in a student newspaper (any student newspaper, anywhere) other than not putting out the paper or employing students almost full time or having faculty editors. None of these things are acceptable or possible here. Both the Journalism Department and the English Department are involved in teaching writing, grammar, style, spelling and all the amenities that go along with those things. And regardless of what either department or both departments desire in a student newspaper, it is a learning experience and it will never be perfect.

Jack Hillwig
Journalism Dept.

Kells' ideas for fun on Spring Break

Every year about this time (usually in the spring) college students across the country start gearing up for the time of their lives over Spring Break. The usual thing to do is to fit 12 people in a van, drive to Daytona Beach and watch (and or participate in) wet T-shirt contests, lay in the sun and sleep (if you decide to) in some cheap motel. Well, sure all that may sound fun, but I just want everyone to know that there are many other things to do over break that can be just as fun and possibly cheaper. How about:

--Going nude horseback riding in the Poconos.

-Going home and spending time with your parents (I know you'd rather pull your finger nails off, but I needed the space).

--Shattering your knee and spending the week in Fanny Allen Memorial Hospital, all the while experiencing the "pleasures of Demoral" (ask Dr. Christy for details).

--Visit your friends at their college and help them with their studies (Yeah, Right).

--If the party scene doesn't suit you, fly to Miami and count the bullet holes in the buildings (math majors might enjoy such an excursion. Just tell them Fidel sent you, and you'll be given an inflatable raft at no extra cost, as long as you use it).

--Volunteer your time to helping Dan Quayle lease the space between his ears (attention Mall developers).

-Mow the lawn (Oops, I forgot our Spring Break is in the middle of winter, silly me).

--Go home and see none of your high school friends because all of them have Spring Breaks in the spring.

--Just get in your car and start driving (I know this may sound boring but if your car is like mine, you never know what's going to snap, or fall off, so it's always an adventure).

--Take a bike ride through the Mid-Atlantic states, or perhaps you would rather the Pacific North West (those of you who couldn't find these areas on the map, I suggest you visit your old elementary school over break and stay there).

--Hey, I understand Harrisburg, Pa. is a real swinging place to let your hair down (just ask Dr. Grover).

--Go to Washington D.C. and follow John Tower around (this promises to be more fun than being on the Monkey Business with Gary).

--Nome, Ala. (this has always been my favorite place to warm up from the long, cold winter in Winooski).

--For the time of your life, take a drive up to Irasberg and watch the cows eat grass (those weak of heart should consult their doctor before embarking).

--Traveling to Newark and trying to identify the different toxic odors (sure, you don't get a tan, but I bet you'll come back glowing).

--Go to the SMC basketball game in Springfield, Mass. on Tuesday (I thought I'd throw a serious one in).

Whatever you decide to do, please make this Spring Break "kinder and gentler" than last year (maybe it's me but that phrase has lost a lot of meaning ever since King George uttered those words). Anyway enjoy the break and put the books away for a week (if you can).

Dave Kells

Non-smokers have rights

Last week I went to visit one of my friends in Plattsburgh. I arrived at the Vermont Transit station about 25 minutes early. So, after buying my ticket, I tried to do some reading for school. I say "tried" because a minute after I sat down some woman sat down two seats over and lit up a cigarette. She puffed away at the cancer stick and I just did my best to ignore the noxious fumes. My sinuses became very irritated and my cold got 10 times worse. So as to not infringe on the woman's rights to kill herself; I moved. I must admit I made a big to-do of the whole affair to signal my deep displeasure with the situation.

I moved across the waiting area and sat next to two St. Mike's international students and tried reading again. No sooner had I turned the first page I smelled the vile order of tobacco. One of the students had lit up. Then to make matters worse, the first woman moved to another seat directly across from me and another woman stood a few feet over to my left puffing away and stinking up the place.

I coughed and gagged but all that fell on deaf ears. So in protest, and in a effort to avoid the toxic fumes, I went outside. Well, believe it or not a woman up wind from me lit up. So even outside I had to put up with annoying fumes. My bus wound up leaving 15 minutes late so I was really not too happy that I had to go outside early.

Anthony Buono

My bus finally did leave and my headache did go away on the bus ride, but I hadn't escaped the smokers.

I would like to know where smokers get the right to go stinking up public places. We do not allow people to spit on each other or to beat up one another, but it is perfectly alright for some rude person to puff on some weed, and fill with fumes the air you and I have to breathe. To hell with the rights of smokers, non-smokers have rights too. Being the vast majority of people who choose not to kill themselves with cigarettes, I see no reason why smokers should not have to yield to the rights of people who want to breathe clean air.

Legislative action has begun to protect the rights of non-smokers. Congress has banned smoking on flights of less than two hours and many states have also enacted some regulations, but more must be done. I am sick of breathing foul air and I am sure many of you are too. The only way in which we will protect our right to breathe clean air is by not being complacent. We must not be afraid to tell a smoker that they are infringing on our rights, especially when they have the nerve to do it in a non-smoking area (such as Alliot). We must also write our representatives and encourage them to enact non-smoking legislation. The smokers complain about their "rights." I say that it is high time that non-smokers assert themselves.

Senate must decide what to do with Bush's nominee, Tower

This week in Washington D.C. was especially interesting, but before I give my usual weekly update, I have to apologize for my negligence last week, but it could not be helped. When I picked up last week's *Defender* , I happened across an article by Mr. Buono about King Ron. Unfortunately, I made the mistake of reading it and suddenly fell victim to a very strong urge to visit the porcelain throne. But I do agree with one thing Mr. Buono said, King Ron does remind me of a medieval hero. However, I think Mr. Buono confused King Arthur with Don Quixote.

Larry Harvie

Meanwhile, the Senate faces the towering question of what to do with President George Bush's nominee for secretary of defense, John Tower. It seems Senator Tower has earned approximately $750,000 from defense contractors in lobbying fees. Personally, I think the Senate needs to take this in its proper context. True, $750,000 might possibly sway his judgment, but considering the North-Poindexter-Regan-Meese-Seacord-Haig chain gang, what do they expect—St.Jude? Well, as I understand it, St. Jude was too busy helping Dan Quayle.

Speaking of our beloved vice president, I thought you might enjoy a quotation from his wife when questions about his weekend with Paula Parkinson and another senator was put to her. She said, "Everyone who knows Dan Quayle knows he likes golf better than sex." I just KNEW I saw him over here over winter weekend!

Finally, in Afghanistan, the planned evacuation of Soviet troops became reality last week a whole five minutes ahead of schedule! All one can do is praise the networks for noticing this tremendous gesture of good will. their next order of business is to go to the ACME School of Lip Reading. They need the practice.

And so as we come to the close of another week, many questions face us. Will the Tower of Babble ever get off Capitol Hill? Will St. Jude give up his new position? Will Israel become a Nazi State? (Yeah, right.) For these answers and more, tune in next week.

As a foot note, I would like to explain anything I say in this article is meant in good spirit and I hope the people which I target in good clean fun will take it as it is meant. Good, clean fun. (Even Mr. Buono).

"Liberation" of Grenada an invasion

It seems as if the Executive Board of the College Republicans is propagandizing again! Instead of presenting their side rationally, they have elected to slander and libel anyone who has a different viewpoint on the Grenada "liberation." Where are the real lies and distortions? They lie in those statements put out by those who refused to let journalists onto the island during the military action, namely the U.S. government.

The the three gentlemen who signed the letter in last week's *Defender* , I would like to respond that the "liberation" of Grenada was in fact an invasion of another sovereign nation.

This conquest of a "banana, cocoa and nutmeg republic" was a attempt to make the Reagan administration look good after the bombing of the U.S. barracks in Beruit.

So, in support of about 1,000 U.S. citizens in no apparent danger, this freedom-loving, democratic nation of ours interfered with the government of another country.

Elena Tilley

In reference to the Salines Airfield "capable of accommodating Soviet nuclear bombers," the hoteliers of the island have insisted that the airstrip was built to accommodate wide-bodied aircraft carrying tourists, not nukes.

I would like to counteract the impression made by the "three Stooges" that the "liberation of Grenada" was a successful and important military operation.

Asbestos level at St. Michael's is O.K.

By Eric Shannon
STAFF WRITER

An asbestos scare engulfed the country in the mid-1970s when the federal government concluded that exposure to air-born particles of asbestos caused a serious lung disease called asbestosis.

Since the mid-70s federal and state regulations have been imposed to regulate the containment and removal of asbestos from both private and public edifices.

"Both federal and state asbestos regulations get stricter each year," said College Engineer Dave Cutler.

Cutler said there are two types of asbestos. Friable Asbestos, which can become air-born, and Encapsulated Asbestos which poses no threat to people.

Cutler oversees the technical administration of asbestos on campus. He worked in an asbestos mine for seven years before coming to St. Michael's. Now he is a certified asbestos consultant.

Cutler said St. Michael's hires professional contractors to take care of major asbestos removal projects. But Cutler, Jim Covey and Alan Sutton, of Physical Plant, are all certified to remove asbestos. "If a pipe burst in the middle of the night and the asbestos became friable, we would be able to remove it."

Under Vermont state regulations, academic institutions fall into two different categories in regard to asbestos, said Cutler. The Industry Regulations, which St. Michael's falls under, and the Ahera Regulations, which include all learning facilities grades kindergarten through 12.

St. Michael's is required to meet Industry Regulations. "We have made it a policy at St. Michael's to honor the Ahera Regulations," Cutler said,"because it is the latest in the asbestos technology."

Cutler said there was a time in the building industry when asbestos was readily used in many building materials. He said St. Michael's is fortunate because asbestos was used in limited quantities during this time period.

Cutler said the entire college was sampled three years ago to determine where the public might be exposed to asbestos.

Cutler said the study found that public exposure to asbestos was virtually non-existent. He said the most common places asbestos-containing materials are found on campus are in boiler rooms, insulators on pipes, in janitor closets, and floor tiles.

Cutler said he doubts anyone on campus has not been exposed to asbestos at some point in their life because it has been and still is a common agent within the air. He said Friable Asbestos is still used in automobile break lines, and is still present in skyscrapers throughout the nation's major cities.

Cutler said St. Michael's hopes to become 80 percent asbestos free within the decade, but noted that 100 percent will probably never be obtained because some asbestos is contained within the structural cement of buildings.

"Generally, St. Michael's is considered way ahead of the game when it comes to asbestos. We want to keep on the leading edge, so we don't fall behind in new developments," said Cutler.

MLK society

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The society will have the benefit of attracting more minority students to St. Michael's. Flanagan said, "It will be helpful that there is an organization on campus just like there is soccer, radio, and drama. Each activity appeals to a certain group. We have come a distance in terms of minority recruiting and have met with moderate success."

Flanagan added, "I'd like to see more representatives of minorities in the faculty and staff so that students can have the benefit of their experience."

The Peace and Justice Committee has encouraged the development of the society. Kathy Butts, chairperson of the Peace and Justice Committee, pointed out that people in Peace and Justice would naturally be interested in the society.

Butts added, "I see the society as something that has been missing for far too long and something that is needed. The whole world is not white. The blacks on campus have gone too long without a voice."

Samara said "Down the road, the Martin Luther King Society will still mean something to black culture awareness."

Young said, "The week after break the organizational meeting will be held. Everybody is invited to come and see what we're about, if you like it then I encourage you to join. A student may come to the meeting, hear about the club and discover that there is something there for them."

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Job market for seniors looks good

By Kelley Bouchard
STAFF WRITER

The job market looks reassuringly healthy for this year's college graduates. In a nationwide trend more companies are planning to hire new employees within the next year.

Trish Turner, career development coordinator for placement, said the positive market is due to many factors. She said, "There's a generally stable economy and a new trend of hiring liberal arts students."

Turner said in previous decades, companies were hiring more specialized personnel. She said employers found these technical people lacked many essential writing and interpersonal skills.

Two surveys of national corporate hiring of new graduates both predicted a lucrative spring.

Turner said, "The hottest skills are writing and problem solving." She said recruiters have noted St. Michael's students for their affability and solid preparation. She said one of the most important things for students to develop is networking skills. Networking is making and using contacts. Turner said contacts do not have to be corporate heads. Alumni, family, and friends are usually the best contacts.

The key to a successful job search is to be realistic, Turner said. She said graduates should not to expect to command the highest salaries right off. She said, "A career is a developmental thing. It's not a job, but may be a series of jobs."

The Student Resource Center, located in the Klein Building, offers all students resume assistance, career counseling, and interviewing workshops. Turner urges all students to come and take advantage of the services offered.

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The Rathskeller has more headaches than usual

Managers trying to rebound from last year's management's $13,000 defecit

By Mark Ford
STAFF WRITER

Business at the Rathskeller is not as bad as some would believe, but the St. Michael's hangout has definitely seen better days.

During midterms, the Rat has about 50 patrons, but that number can increase dramatically according to staff member Andrea Sweeney. She said it was packed during the first week students returned from Christmas break. "I was going crazy behind the bar, it was fun," Sweeny said.

"If we break even we're doing alright."
--Steve Linnehan

But many little problems have added up to one big headache for the managers of the Rat this year.

The raising of the drinking age in Vermont from 18 to 21 means only 20 percent of St. Michael's students are legal, reported Maureen Gillan, one of three managers at the Rat. Students who would have remained on campus in the past, when the drinking age was 18, are now going into downtown Burlington.

Steve Linnehan, also a manager at the Rat, said it's hard to get people to come back to the Rathskeller after they have left to go downtown.

Another problem is the Rat caters to only students at St. Michael's. When mid-terms, finals, and 20- page papers roll around many students are studying and the population at the Rat dwindles.

The Rat is also trying to rebound from a $13,000 deficit incurred by last year's management. Though Gillan said the current staff is not being blamed for last year's losses, a payment plan has been set up with the Student Association (SA) to recover the money. This combined with operational expenses and the cost of salaries for the three managers and seven staff members is a drain on funds. "If we break even, we're doing alright," Linnehan said.

A solution to the problem seems out of sight. Linnehan said bands and specials have been tried without success. He said what's needed is a solid, two-week stretch of popularity. The domino effect would then draw others. Sweeney suggested the Rat be allocated more funds for bands popular enough to draw crowds.

A board meeting was set for Monday at which time, the future of the Rat was discussed.

Options include confining drinking to Thursday nights and using the space as a meeting room in conjunction with Greensleeves, Gillan said.

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Volunteer program in Alabama offered to students

By Melissa Villanti
STAFF WRITER

Campus Ministry is now accepting applications for those interested in taking part in an eight-week volunteer program in Selma, Alabama during June and July this summer.

An informational meeting was held last Tuesday night.

Diane Small is a volunteer with the Selma program. She opened and now runs a soup kitchen in the area. She is looking for people who want to donate their time and energy to help the needy.

The Rev. Stephen Hornat, SSE, along with Small, gave accounts of the program and the development of the area in the South. Selma, population 23,000, is in the center of Alabama, about 100 miles south of Birmingham. It is one of the poorest cities in the nation. It faces a 50 percent unemployment rate and a teen pregnancy problem.

The Edmundites had begun their volunteer program in Selma in 1937 after an invitation from the Pope.

"When I first went to Selma, it was a culture shock to me," said Small. "I wasn't prepared and it took me awhile to adjust. If you are open to the spirit talking to you and want to share that spirit, this a good program for you."

The volunteers would be doing a number of tasks ranging from installing a plumbing systems, driving a van or teaching school. Small said the job list is endless.

Students would also be working in Pine Apple, a town located in Wilcox County about 45 minutes from Selma. Pine Apple has a high infant mortality rate due to hunger and poor water supply. Small rates the conditions the same as a third world county.

She said conditions are improving due to a grant given to Pine Apple from the Kellogg Company for clean water and new water system.

The program provides its volunteers with a $1,000 scholarship and $100 a week spending money while on the trip .

There are a total of 15 spaces open for people willing to help in Selma. These spots are spread between St. Michael's, Trinity College, and Xavier University in Louisiana.

Of the 15 spaces St. Michael's has six available for anyone interested. Applications are available in the Campus Ministry Office. The deadline is March 31.

"The applicants will have to write a reflection on why they would like to attend the trip," said Hornat. "We would like to place everyone. If we can't, the upperclassmen would have the opportunity to go first. Then we'll go from there."

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St. Michael's has its first "Majors Fair"

By Matt Mallio
STAFF WRITER

In order to help exploratory majors get more information on different academic majors, the first "Majors Fair" was held at St. Michael's, Wednesday February 15, in Alliot.

The idea of a Majors Fair first came from the Campus Culture committee, according to Christine Clary of the Student Resource Center. "This is the first time it's been done here," said Clary, "although it's done on other campuses."

The purpose of the fair is to provide a single place where students could get more information on majors and minors. Clary insisted the fair was "not career oriented, but it's an academic fair." It was designed to give students a chance to get information on academic departments and the requirements of that department.

Prof. William Marquess said the fair seemed to be a good idea. He saw people who found unsure students who decide to change majors "more thoughtful". Marquess said he felt those who decide to change majors "make a sacrifice," said Marquess, "it makes people take courses more seriously."

Freshman David Turner was happy with the fair. "Before I came here I didn't know anything about the other courses," said Turner, "By looking around at the fair I can find out what the course is about and wether or not I'd be interested."

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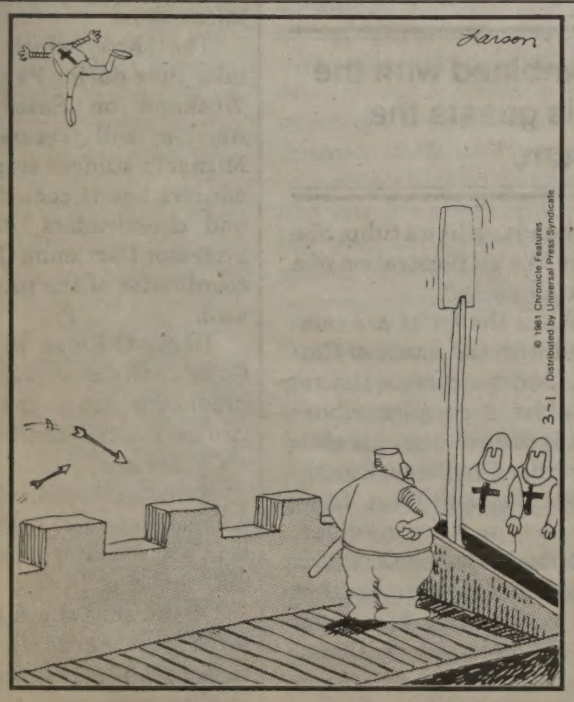

"I told you guys to slow down and take it easy or something like this would happen."

Call for applications for the positions of

Executive Editor

and

Business Manager

of *The Defender* for the 1989-90 school year

The weekly campus newspaper, *The Defender*, is currently seeking applicants for the positions of Executive Editor and Business Manager. Both are paid positions and the students selected will serve for the entire 1989-90 academic year.

Deadline for applications is Monday, March 20 at 5 p.m. Completed applications should be given or mailed to Jack Hillwig, Chairman, Journalism Department. Professor Hillwig's office is in Room 212 Saint Edmund's. Specific descriptions for each job and procedures for applying are as follows:

Executive Editor

The Executive Editor is the chief editorial and management officer of *The Defender*. The person selected will supervise and direct all editorial activities of *The Defender* and will, along with the adviser, select and train a staff of subeditors sufficient to publish a weekly campus newspaper.

Any applicant for Executive Editor must be an undergraduate student of St. Michael's currently enrolled in at least four courses. and must, as of the end of this term have completed 45 semester hours of college level work. Applicants should have reasonable experience working with the college newspaper here or elsewhere. An overall grade point average of 2.7 or better is necessary.

The Executive Editor is paid a $700 stipend per semester.

Business Manager

The Business Manager is the chief business officer of *The Defender* He/she supervises and directs all business activities, including supervising the advertising and circulation departments.

The Business Manager is responsible for preparing and keeping detailed budgets, accounting documentation and financial statements. He/she directs the flow of cash, the payment of bills and other transactions. The Business Manager is responsible for preparing an annual budget and for recruiting and training a staff of sub-managers responsible for advertising and circulation.

Any applicant for Business Manager must be an undergraduate student of St. Michael's currently enrolled in at least four courses. and must, as of the end of this term have completed 45 semester hours of college level work. Applicants should have some academic and/or practical experience in business. An overall grade point average of 2.7 or better is necessary.

The Business Manager is paid a $500 stipend per semester.

Any student interested in being considered for either position should submit a one-to-two page letter of application explaining that he/she meets the requirements, why they are interested in being either Executive Editor or Business Manager, what they feel they could bring to the job and why they feel they should be appointed. A current transcript should also be included with the application.

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To Kill a Mockingbird film, Billings Theatre, UVM, showings at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., midnight.

Second annual Black History Month Recital, 8 p.m., Music Building Recital Hall, UVM, free.

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Guitar and singing duo making a name for themselves in area

By Becky Klouda
STAFF WRITER

It all started back in early September at a party at 19 College Parkway. Terry Stebbins, a freshman from Scituate, Mass, had heard that someone living at "19" played the guitar. As he walked into the house that night, he asked the person at the door, "Doesn't someone here play guitar?"

"Yeah, I do," was Tom Askin's reply. Stebbins, also a guitar player, invited himself over to Askin's house later that week and the two musicians played guitar together for the first time.

"We started playing a couple of songs and I thought it really sounded good," Askin, a senior from Sparta, N.J., said.

Since that first meeting many months ago, Tom and Terry have become well-known throughout the area as a guitar and singing duo.

Their first job was at Bradshaw's Tavern. "The whole place was dancing and singing," Askin said about the crowd at Bradshaw's. "That was really a good time. That's what really motivated us to keep it going."

The guitar duo plays mostly classic rock, including songs by Neil Young, America, The Eagles, Cat Stevens, R.E.M. and Bad Company. Askin and Stebbins credit their success partly to their music selection. "We pick and choose what we think is going to sound good and what people are going to like," Stebbins said.

Photo by Laura Chambers
Terry Stebbins and Tom Askin

Since their first performance at Bradshaw's, they've played at many of the local bars, including Old Forest Hills, Sam's, The Last Chance Saloon, The Outback, The Front and Champion's Tavern. It took a lot of talking and persistence to introduce themselves and distribute demo tapes to the area bars. But the hard work has paid off. "I don't think we've been turned down once," Askin said.

He added, "Now bars approach us to come and work there because our name is pretty well known around the area. We don't even have to do anything about it now. They call us."

Both Stebbins and Askin have a history of playing electric guitar in rock bands, but neither one had played acoustic guitar seriously until this year.

"When we both started, I knew maybe 10 songs (suitable for the acoustic guitar)," Askin said.

They learned song after song by listening to tapes, writing down the words and figuring out the main chord patterns.

"We would just sit down in my room, put on the stereo, put in a tape and learn songs," Askin said. Now they know about 60 songs and try to learn 10 new songs a week.

Since their debut at Bradshaw's, they've spent many hours developing the ranges and strength of their voices. "When we first played at Bradshaw's, by the end of the third set we were stretching to hit the notes for the last few songs. Now we don't even have to think about it," Askin said.

Although they've considered creating a full-fledged band by adding other members and instruments, they both agree that their unique combination of a 12-string and a 6-string acoustic guitar achieves the desired effect.

"There's so many bands out there," Askin said. "You go downtown and you can hear a band anywhere."

"Go to Nectar's if you want to hear a band," Stebbins said. "We can fit in any corner in any bar there is."

Even though they play every weekend and sometimes on weekdays too, neither of them consider their musical endeavor a burden. "I don't think of it as a commitment because it's so fun," Stebbins said. "It's not a chore whatsoever."

"Elvis is back and he's not in *The Enquirer*"

By Kevin Flaherty
STAFFWRITER

If there is any question whether he is alive, the answer is definitely, Elvis lives. Elvis Costello that is, as he proves on latest release, *Spike*. Costello, accompanied by a long list of friends has come out with over 60 minutes of music that crosses over many musical genres including Jazz, Bblues and Irish Folk.

The album opens with *...this town...* which begins the showcase of talent that Costello has assembled for the album. On guitar and lending his voice to the chorus is Roger McGuinn, of the Byrds, and Paul McCartney who plays bass and helped to co-write two of the songs on the album.

The collaboration between Costello and McCartney produced *Veronica* and *Pads, Paws and Claws* which are the albums most straight-forward pop songs. However, for Costello, pop is not limited to guitars, bass and drums. These songs for example, include a Tympani drum, Baldwin spinet, Chamberlain piano, Wurlitzer electric piano and they are two of the more simply-arranged songs on the album.

Jazz also plays a large roll in the mix of the music especially on *Chewing Gum*, in which Costello uses a Sou saphone to provide a deeper bass line. The song also features the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, who play on three songs and provide the base for the Jazz sound which at times boarders on a big band sound.

"When the lyrics are combined with the music of Costello and his guests the resits are a complex album."

One cut which features the Brass Band is *Deep Dark Truthful Mirror*, a slow song that has a Gospel background to it and sounds as if it could fit onto nearly any Van Morrison album. Despite the importance of the instruments to the album, lyrics never take a backseat on a Costello composition. Due to his lyrics Costello not only gives you a sound but also a vivid picture throughout the album. For example, on *Satellite* the descriptions provide a complete illustration. "She looked like she learned to dance from a series of still pictures, She's madly excited now, she throws her hands up like a tulip, She looks like an illustration of a cocktail party."

When the lyrics are combined with the music of Costello and his guests the results are a complex album that is distant from his classic earlier albums such as *My Aim is True* and *Trust*. However, despite the many different sounds, Costello's voice is always there to reassure that this is definitely his album and definitely a rock album. Elvis is back, and he's not in the Enquirer he's on *Spike*.

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Dance show to be Parents' Weekend

By Bruce Zeman
STAFFWRITER

Dance returns to the St. Michael's campus in April when the dance section of the Fine Arts Department presents, Dance-O Rama, a combination variety and talent show.

The show, which will take place during Parent's Weekend on Saturday, April 8, will feature St. Michael's student singers, dancers, bands, comedians and cheerleaders, dance professor Darrienne Oaks, coordinator of the project, said.

Dance-O-Rama will be Oaks' sixth dance-oriented production since she began the Dance Department six years ago.

Remote Control, the department's project last year, was popular, but not sold out, she said.

Oaks said she feels a large increase in student response will enable Dance-O-Rama to be successful."

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New adjunct faculty member has years of experience

By Susan Sutherland
STAFF WRITER

A new faculty member has joined the journalism department at St. Michael's college. Professor Dianne Paley is an adjunct faculty member who is presently teaching reporting, a course required of journalism majors.

Paley holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Paley also has a master's degree in journalism, and has completed her coursework toward a Ph.d., but decided to teach full-time rather than do research. Paley said, "I wanted to come to a small school because I really value teaching instead of doing research."

Paley has had a lot of experience in the field of journalism. She was a newspaper reporter for approximately five years in Wisconsin and Vermont, as well as a magazine editor for a cultural art's magazine in Madison. Paley has also worked as a public relations director for the National Center on Effective Secondary Studies. Paley said she feels, "It is really important in a performance field that people who teach it have worked professionally in the field."

Since 1983, Paley has taught at the Journalism School at the University of Wisconsin. Paley came to Vermont this past summer looking to teach at a small school in a competitive learning environment.

Paley is impressed with the program at St. Michael's. She said she feels it has a good reputation as well as amazing grade standards.

After teaching at such a large university, Paley has noticed the benefits of teaching at a small college. "The faculty really cares about the students. It isn't always the same at a large university," Paley said.

Paley who is a freelance stringer for *USA Today* plans to continue her free lance writing and editing. Paley is impressed with the department and feels, "The quality of education is exceptional here."

Photo by Cynthia Roberts
Dianne Paley new faculty member

Orientation leaders: selection process underway

By Susan Sutherland
STAFF WRITER

The St. Michael's Orientation Board, a group of sophomores that will organize next fall's orientation program, has begun the selection process to choose the leaders for next fall's orientation program.

The program is organized to provide instruction and organization and most of all fun to incoming freshman students. Applications were made available in January to students interested in working as orientation leaders next fall.

Jenny Cernosia, director of Student Activities and advisor to the Orientation Board, said student response has been overwhelming this year. "The board received 130 applications, for 50 leader positions, and 10 alternates," she said.

Orientation Board members include Tammy Frain, Mark Hiatt, and Kerry Len non. Each of the members participated as orientation leaders in last year's program. Job requirements include high motivation, knowledge of the campus, enthusiasm, and a willingness to work hard. Applicants must complete a thorough selection process before the 50 leaders are chosen.

In the past, applicants were assigned to small groups to discuss ethical issues and possible situations one might face as a leader. According to Lennon this didn't work. She said, "The questions were limited and so were the groups discussions."

In addition, Lennon explained, "Returning applicants had an unfair advantage because they already knew the questions from last year."

This year the will use questions from *The Book of Questions,* a collection of ethical issues and problems situations. "These questions are thought provoking, open ended, and make it easier for group discussion," Lennon said.

Each applicant is then interviewed by at least one of the board members. After the interviews are completed, the board makes its decision.

"This is a long and difficult process, especially with such a great number of qualified applicants."

--Jennie Cernosia

"This is a long and difficult process, especially with such a great number of qualified applicants," Cernosia explained.

By March 17, 1989, the board will confirm the 50 orientation leaders for next fall, " They will be required to at tend Spring Training Day, which is an entire day set aside for each of the new leaders to really get to know one another," Cernosia said.

Senior Rich Napolitano is this year's orientation program coordinator. He has an internship in orientation and freshman development. This is the first time an undergraduate has coordinated the orientation program at St. Michael's College.

"It gives the program the views and perspectives of a student, and this adds to it," Napolitano said.

With a few weeks remaining in the selection process, Cernosia said she is pleased with the number and caliber of the applicants. "The group leaders in the past have been excellent,and they continue to get better. They take it seriously and do such a good job," she said.

Language barrier causes problem

By Kerry Kiernan
STAFF WRITER

Language and cultural barriers are the main reasons why a lack of integration between American and international students remains a problem at St. Michael's College.

"Fears of not being able to communicate or of being misunderstood keep the foreign students away from the Americans," Alberto Rivera, from Puerto Rico, said. "As a result of this, they stay with the same group." Rivera is an international representative to the Student Association.

The language barriers are difficult to overcome since 75 percent of the international students come to the United States just to learn English, Rivera said. American students have trouble interacting because many have no patience to try to understand, he said.

Margarita Turull, a freshman from Santo Domingo, said a language barrier also exists within the international student group, specifically between the Japanese and the Spanish students. "You go with people that act and think like you. It's a way of thinking that brings people together," Turull said.

"Fears of not being able to communicate or of being misunderstood keep foriegn students away from the Americans." --Alberto Rivera

The cultural problem exists because there is a lack of understanding of other students' cultures. The International Affairs Committee has tried to solve this problem by setting up different activities to bring international and American students together.

There are coffee hours every Thursday at 3:15 p.m. in the foyer of St. Edmund's Hall, and an International Friendship program began last semester to unite the two groups.

David Provost, a sophomore, said the international students he has met are nice. "People have to become more aware and get to learn more about students from other countries," he said.

An International Week, April 9-16, is presently being organized by the International Affairs Committee. Activities will occur every day of that week to promote awareness of international cultures.

"It's a way to help Americans meet international students," Rivera said.

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Ice Knights freeze USM, 8-5

By David Ferrigno
SPORTS EDITOR

The Ice Knights of St. Michael's College plugged through two periods of sloppy hockey and some poor officiating to post an 8-5 victory over the University of Southern Maine last Saturday night in Essex Junction. The Ice Knights ended their regular season not having lost in over a month.

"Things are going to get a lot more intense."
--Tri-captain Rob O'Malley

Before the game head coach Lou DiMasi said that he was concerned about the possibility of a let down on the part of his Ice Knights. DiMasi's concern was well-founded as the team wasn't in the flow until the third period. Fortunately for the Ice Knights, Southern Maine was never in the flow and St. Michael's was able to control the game from start to finish.

Southern Maine closed to within two goals on three occasions after the Ice Knights took a 4-1 first period lead, and St. Michael's answered with a goal all three times.

The St. Michael's power play was on fire as the Ice Knights hooked up for six goals on the man-up situation. Mike Murphy, Brian Mullahy (2), Todd Drolette (2), and Sean McNulty all scored on the power play. Herb Kopf and Murphy again had the other goals as Murphy also had four assists and Rob O'Malley three. Goalies David Anderson and Bill Heney had 15 and six saves respectively.

DiMasi said, "We came out and started to click a little bit in the third period. I think we were looking ahead to the playoffs and didn't come out at the beginning of the game like we wanted to. We have to cut out the stupid penalties when we get ready for the playoffs."

The Ice Knights are currently in second place in the ECAC Division III North league at 15-3-1 with Curry College and Southeastern Massachusetts University still having to play a couple more games. The Ice Knights ended their season with the victory and now can concentrate on the playoffs.

Tri-captain O'Malley said, "Things are going to get a lot more intense. It's sudden death now. You lose; you're out."

The Ice Knights will host at least one playoff game in Essex Junction the week starting Feb. 27.

In other action last week, the team defeated New Hampshire College 4-2 on Feb. 15 in Essex Junction.

Murphy tied the game at one in the second period with a power-play goal and Kopf tied it at two with a great individual effort. He stickhandled through both New Hampshire defensemen and then put a move on the goalie for the score. McNulty put the Ice Knights ahead to stay 56 seconds into the third period and Dan Glover added an insurance goal to round out the scoring for St. Michael's. Goalie Mark Crowley had 33 saves.

Anderson, who backed up Crowley, said, "New Hampshire always plays us tough, especially in our own rink. We played well and got the win."

Defenseman Tim O'Brien knows the lower teams would like nothing better than to knock off a club near the top of the league. "Teams at the bottom want to be the spoilers. New Hampshire played us tough."

The Ice Knights will have about 12 days to prepare for the playoffs.

Ice Knights Playoff Bound

By David Ferrigno
SPORTS EDITOR

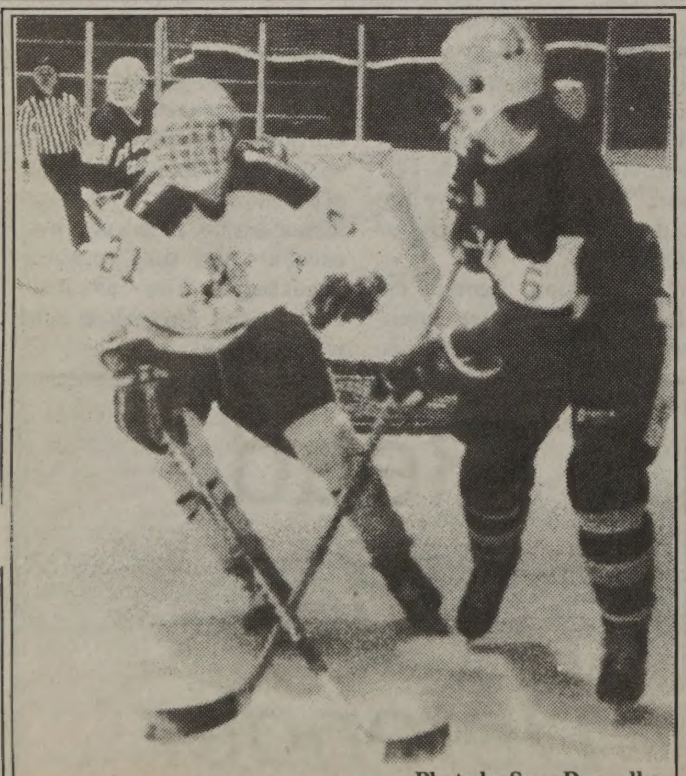
The St. Michael's College hockey team's unbeaten streak has hit double digits. The Ice Knights are 9-0-1 in their last ten games and have a virtual lock on the home-ice advantage in the first round of the ECAC Division III playoffs. The team also has an outside shot at drawing a bye into the semi-finals, but Southeastern Massachusetts University and Curry College look to finish first and second respectively in the North league. The Ice Knights are currently second in the league with a mark of 15-3-1.

Senior tri-captain Rob O'Malley said the team wants the home-ice advantage even though the playoffs fall during spring break and not many students will be around to fill the stands in Essex Junction. "We want the home ice, no doubt about it. It's a chance for us to try to draw some local support. We're really going to be the only college playoff hockey around because UVM (University of Vermont) isn't going to be hosting any playoff games. Hopefully, some of those fans will come and support us," O'Malley said.

O'Malley also pointed out that traveling to Vermont isn't easy. "We'd much rather have teams come up here than us go down there (Massachusetts). We're way up here in Vermont and travel's tough. It's not easy playing on bus legs."

Both SMU and Curry (except for Suffolk University) are playing the weaker half of the league in their remaining games. The Ice Knights need a loss by either team and then a decision would be made by the ECAC concerning strength of schedule as to whether the Ice Knights would get the bye. A 4-4 tie against Plymouth State is all that separates the Ice Knights from SMU and Curry on paper before strength of schedule is taken into account.

Head coach Lou DiMasi said, "Looking at the playoffs realistically, we'll have home-ice advantage for one game."



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Senior center Dan Glover forechecks in the New Hampshire zone.

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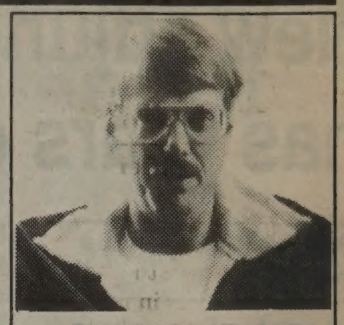

Photo by Sean Donnelly
Assistant varsity hockey coach Buzz Hoerr.

Hoerr plays key role

By Rob Hallisey
STAFF WRITER

Although Lou DiMasi is credited with the success of the hockey team this season, there is at least one other person who should share the credit with DiMasi. This person is assistant hockey coach Buzz Hoerr.

Hoerr graduated from St. Michael's in 1976. He is originally from St. Louis, but after he graduated he decided to stay in the Burlington area. He now owns a T-shirt business in Burlington called "Imprints", which is currently the largest screenprinter in Vermont.

Currently, Hoerr is the assistant varsity hockey coach and the head coach of the B-team. "Lou is a very technical coach," said Hoerr. "I'm more of a motivational force on the team. The players come to me about the other aspects of the game. I'm also the one who gives the last speech before we go out on the ice."

"Buzz is just as important to the team as I am."
--Head coach Lou DiMasi

Besides being the main motivational force on the team, Hoerr also helps DiMasi out at practices and behind the bench.

"Buzz is just as important to the team as I am," DiMasi said. "This team wouldn't be able to run if it weren't for him, along with Zaf (Bleudivich) and the Rev. Steve Hornat. They are a big part of the team as well."

Hoerr does all of this as a volunteer coach. "The satisfaction I get out of the position is being able to work with young people and helping the players develop over the four years that they are here," Hoerr said.

"The hockey program has no scholarships so that means the players are playing because they love the game," Hoerr said. "If I can help them improve while they're here, it's worth it."

Purple Knights get the job done against Quinnipiac

By Mike Woelflein
STAFF WRITER

Head coach Jim Casciano picked up his 99th and 100th career victories in men's basketball as the Purple Knights defeated Quinnipiac College 84-81 at the Vincent C. Ross Sport Center and brought home a 99-89 victory from Bryant College. Casciano is now the fourth-winningest coach in St. Michael's history, needing just six wins to eclipse Walt Bauman (1963) in third place.

Greg Thomas and Brian Young led the Knights to both victories, insuring the Knights a share of fourth place in the Northeast-10 conference with four games to play. A fourth place finish would grant the Knights home-court advantage for the conference tournament. "Our immediate goal is top four," said Casciano, "we're still as good as anyone in this league."

Against Quinnipiac Young had 21 points and eight rebounds, and Thomas finished with 14 points and nine assists. John Carey was 5 of 8 from three-point land and kept the Braves close all night, sparking a last-minute rally that almost tied the game.

The Knights had forced four straight turnovers and led 80-74 before Carey nailed a three-pointer with 1:13 to go. Monroe Blakes, the Knights' latest threat from the bench, hit two key free throws, and Lester Ayala responded with one for Quinnipiac. Carey nearly picked off a Young pass, but he was unable to control the ball and the Knights inbounded, holding a four-point lead with 31 seconds left.

Thomas hit two free throws with :18 to play, but Carey canned a running trey to close the gap again. Thomas missed two from the line, and the

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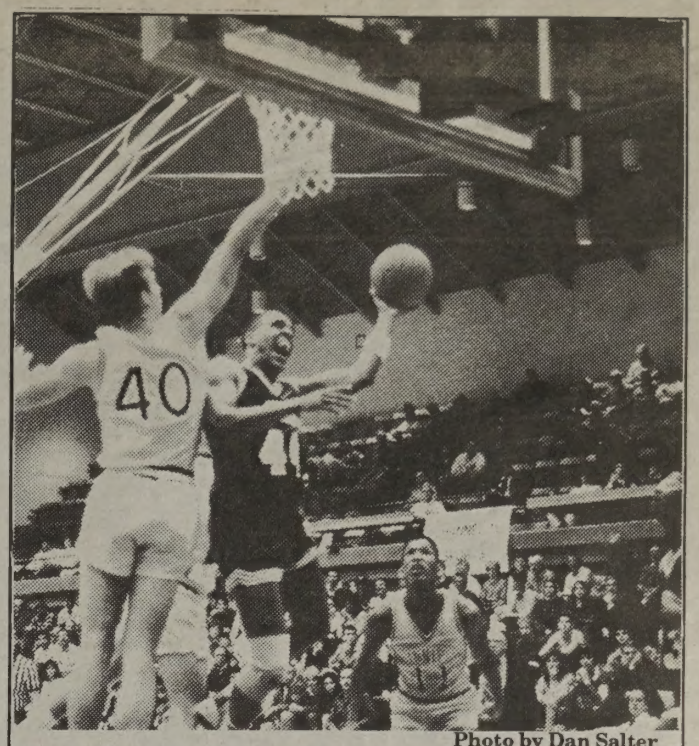

Photo by Dan Salter
Brian Young goes strong to the hoop against Quinnipiac. St. Michael's won 84-81.

Isaksen presides over first meeting, cites goals

By Colleen Scully
STAFF WRITER

Former Student Association (SA) President and Vice President, Patrick Gallivan and Anne D'Angelo called to order the last S.A. meeting of their term last Tuesday, Feb. 14.

"We've brought to the forefront a lot of issues to the student body and we've made a lot of headway in communications," Gallivan said. "I urge you to support Jon and Chad the way you've supported Anne and I," he added.

Jonathan Isaksen, new president of the SA listed his tentative goals for his term. "Nothing is written in stone, but we would like to continue the International program and continue to improve communication between the SA and the administration," Isakson said. "Both Chad (Tessier, vice president) and I have awfully big shoes to fill," Isaksen said as he took over that same meeting, the first of his term.

The freshmen women living in the basement of Ryan Hall will have representation in the SA for the first time. General Assembly representative John Hickey, asked for a motion to amend the present by-law which states that in order to have representation on the General Assembly, you must have a ratio of 33 people per representative. The motion passed, granting representation to any group that feels isolated, regardless of location or number. "The girls feel isolated and want additional representation on the General Assembly," Hickey said.

The women in the basement are considered part of the third floor, but feel they are being isolated. Third floor representative, Maggie Olfield said, "I have just forgotten about them. If they're going to be involved in floor activities, it should be first floor." Vice President of Ryan Hall, Tammy Frain agreed "it's up to them to make an effort to come up and participate."

The academics committee voted down a proposal to allow seniors to have first priority when choosing their electives. Sue Graveline, secretary of academics, said the committee thought seniors should be discouraged from taking 100 level courses because those courses should be open to freshmen. "The committee has said that seniors have had the opportunity to take 100 level courses for three years and by taking a 100, transcripts will show a lighter load on the senior year," Graveline said.

Students Jennifer Klauber and Peter Booth announced they are continuing work on the alternative newspaper. Klauber said that they will be using the facilities of *The Defender* and will soon be drawing up their own by-laws to the paper. Booth said,"We've decided not to work under the name of *The Defender* but to co-exist as far as computers and equipment are concerned."

April 9-16 has been declared as International Week at St. Michael's. "There are many traditions at St. Michael's College and we would like to begin a new tradition of an international environment," Julio Castellanos, international student representative, said. The General Assembly voted unanimously to support the new activity which may include a Japanese festival and an international nightclub. Castellanos said no activities have been definitely decided on.

The voting machines that have been used in the past for school elections have been officially donated to St. Michael's. Joe Caci, secretary of General Services and Welfare, said the town of Winooski donated the machines which was an estimated $24,000.

In other business, the SA announced that Winter Weekend was a success. Frank Vitiello and Heather Tousey, co-chairmen of special events said all the events had good turn-outs and the One World Show collected 250 cans and $287 for the needy.

Vitiello and Tousey later announced that they have begun planning Spring Weekend which will be held April 20-23.

Help us GO FOR THE GOLD Class of 1989

Those who have pledged this week to the Senior Class Gift:

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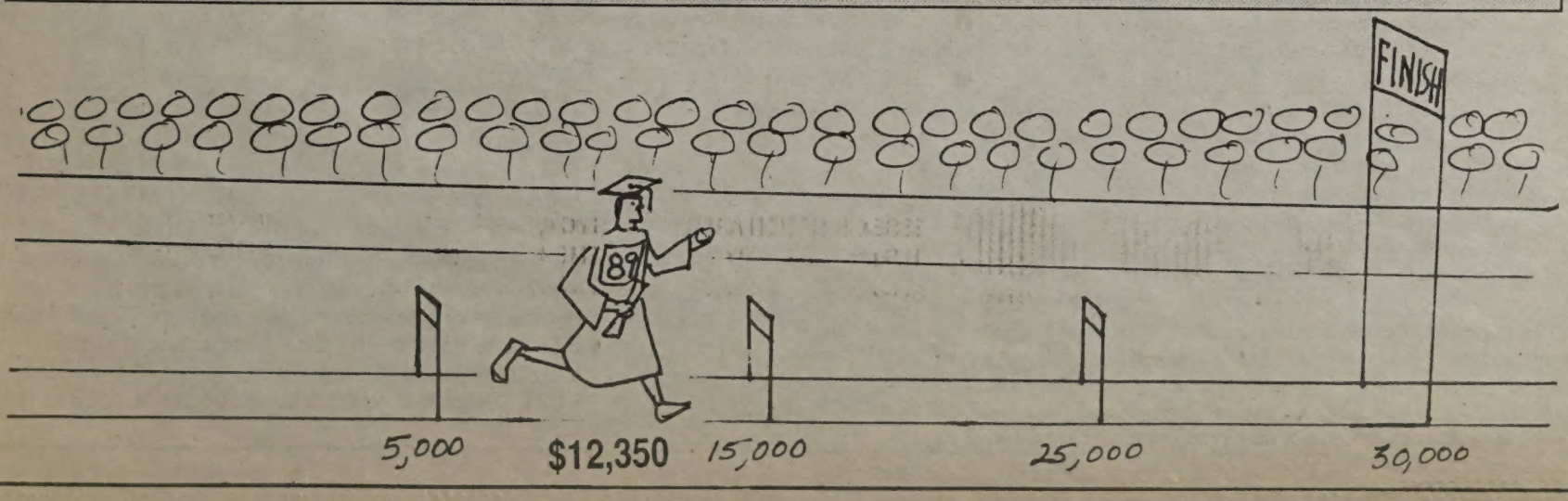

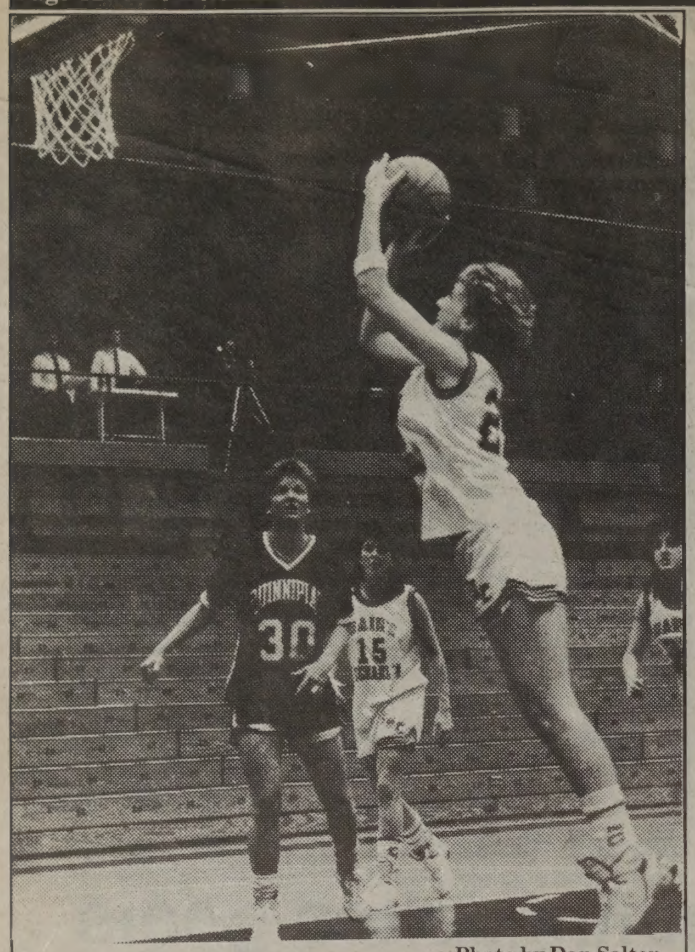

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Senior Kathy King takes a jump shot.

Lady Knights scalp Quinnipiac

By Kevin Flaherty
STAFF WRITER

The St. Michael's Lady Knights basketball team picked up another conference win as they swept their season series with the Quinnipiac Lady Braves. The 77-72 win gave the Lady Knights a 1-1 record for the week after they had dropped their second close game to Merrimack on a last-second shot.

In the Quinnipiac game, the Lady Knights led for most of the way although the score was close throughout the game. The Lady Braves came out on fire to start the game behind the hot shooting of Diane Dodge, who led all scorers with 24 points. However, St. Michael's also was hot in the first half and finished with the lead at halftime by a score of 35-34. The Lady Knights shot 58 percent for the half while the Lady Braves shot 52 percent.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first with the teams matching baskets and turnovers. Late in the game the Lady Knights looked like they were pulling away when they gained a double-figure advantage with the clock running down.

Pam Nee led the Lady Knights in scoring with a season high of 19 points while Kathy King added 16 points and 17 rebounds.

But just as St. Michael's had done in their loss to Merrimack, they lost their big lead in the last two minutes, due to 3-pointers by Adrienne Mitchell and Dodge. The Lady Knights also contributed to the comeback as they committed a turnover and a five-second violation.

Unlike the Merrimack game, St. Michael's was able to regain their composure and hold off the late Quinnipiac run by beating the Lady Braves full-court pressure.

Pam Nee led the Lady Knights in scoring with a season high of 19 points while Kathy King added 16 points and 17 rebounds. Sue Cahill threw in 12 points and also handed out seven assists. Caroline Granese scored nine points as did Claire Strong. Carol Marie Ventura worked hard on the boards to finish with eight rebounds.

The win gave the Lady Knights a 10-5 record in the conference as they continue to try and catch Stonehill for third place in the Northeast-10.

In their next game they go up against Stonehill in one of their most important games of the year.

DEATH OF A DREAM:
Mrs. Lonise Bias speaks at UVM

By Jill Jesso
SPORTS EDITOR

Lonise Bias, mother of Len Bias (first-round draft pick of the Boston Celtics), spoke at the University of Vermont (UVM) on Thursday Feb. 16. The lecture was sponsored by: Alcohol and Drug Education Program, UVM Speakers Bureau, IRA, BACCHUS and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Len Bias was a center for the University of Maryland basketball team and was the second player drafted in 1986 by the Celtics. Two days later, on June 19, Bias died of a cocaine overdose. Mrs. Bias now travels around the country speaking to groups about the drug problem that is facing America.

"Len Bias has done more in death for this great nation than he would have ever done if he won 10 championships for the Boston Celtics."
--Mrs. Lonise Bias

Mrs. Bias said she wanted to get several things out in the open so people would know where she was coming from. The first thing she said was that she loves each and every one of us; she added that she saw only beautiful Americans, not blacks or whites or hispanics. Mrs Bias also said, "I care absolutely nothing what anyone thinks of me."

Speaking about her sons death, Mrs. Bias said, "It is my belief that God took one man to save all of us. Len Bias, in death, will be your link to freedom." She added, "Len Bias has done more, in death, for this great nation than he could have ever done if he won 10 championships for the Boston Celtics."

Mrs. Bias said that the current drug prevention programs aren't working. "The world is pulling and destroying our kids and we tell them- 'just say no, just say no'. No, we have to be just as intense trying to save our kids from the perils, the destruction that is out there pulling them away from us everyday. 'Just say no' is not enough. Many of the problems that we have exist because we deal with the symptoms not the problem."

Mrs. Bias said that the drug and alcohol problem is one of supply and demand and as long as the demand exists there is going to be a problem. "If there was an ice cream truck in front of this Chapel (Ira Allen Chapel at UVM) and he came every day and no one bought any ice cream the ice cream man would go away. Supply and demand is the key."

The problem with young people today, Mrs. Bias said, is that they don't stand up to their peers because they think it's cool to follow the crowd. It takes courage to stand up for what you believe in. She added that drugs aren't all of the problem. "It's lack of self-esteem, lack of self-respect and lack of self-control -- real love of yourself, that is the problem."

Mrs. Bias said, "It disturbs me that young people will turn their backs on their families so quickly." She urged young people not to take their families for granted because with the tick of a clock someone you love could be gone.

Some of the advise that Mrs. Bias gave was that partying and having fun is only part of life and that people should think before they put their foot over the edge.

"You (young people) are our future, without you we have nothing," Mrs. Bias said.

"Where you came from doesn't matter. It's where you are going that matters.

"Anyone can start over. Choose life and be set free."

Men's hoop dumps Bryant

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Braves tried desperately to get the ball to Carey. But the Knights forced the ball into Johnson's hands, and he missed a three-point shot as time ran out.

The Knights then travelled to Bryant College, where Thomas' career-high 32 points paced a hard-fought victory over the conference's last-place team. Young finished off another great week with 22 points and 14 rebounds.

To go along with Casciano's 100th victory milestone, Young now ranks as the Purple Knights 10th highest career scorer with 1,249, and Thomas went into the Bryant game with 177 assists, 40 short of the single season record held by Dan Nikitas in 1980-81.

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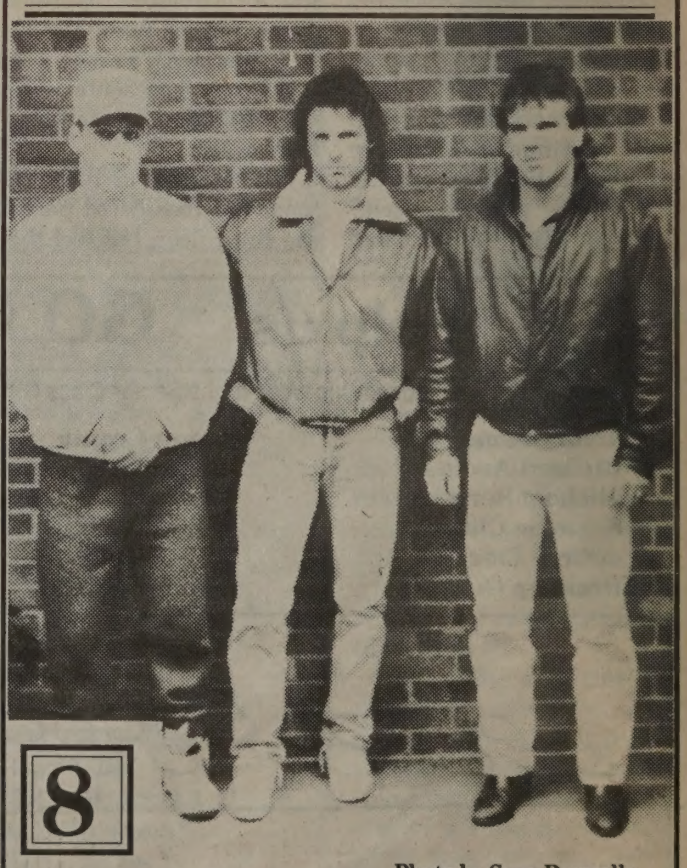
Star of the Week



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Defensemen Mike Sheeran, Tim O'Brien, Rob O'Malley, and Maarten Stadtlander (#8 missing) anchored the Ice Knight defense all year and contributed timely offense to balance the Ice Knight attack. The Ice Knights finished the regular season at 15-3-1 in the ECAC Division III North league and are headed to the playoffs.